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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 10/537 329

Filing Date: December 2, 2005

Confirmation No.: 8404

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01 FC:1801

02 FC:1253

810.00 OP

980.00 OP

Title: TREATING SOLUTION FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF METAL AND  
A METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT

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Group: 1793

Examiner: Zheng

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(FIRM)

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114
  - a. ☒ An amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on February 17, 2009 was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card  
v. ☒ Letter to Examiner.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
b. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR \$1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$810.00	\$405.00	\$810.00
Total Claims	(16 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 52.00		x \$ 26.00	
Indep. Claims	( 1 - 3 = 0)		x 220.00		x \$110.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$390.00		+ \$195.00	
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 810.00

- b. ☒ Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three months. The extension fee is: \$1,110.00 - 130.00 paid Feb. 17, 2009 = \$980.00.
- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR \$1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR \$1.17(i)).
- d. ☒ A check for \$1,790.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 CFR \$1.17 associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

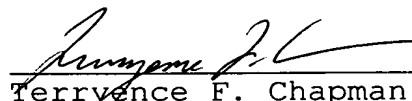
The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record  
☐ acting under 37 CFR \$1.34.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Listed above

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